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SUBJECT: SITUATION IN MOZAMBIQUE AS OF 1200 HOURS MAY 2

REF: A) LOURENCO MARQUES 293; B) LOURENCO MARQUES 291;  
C) LOURENCO MARQUES 284

1. SUMMARY: MAY DAY WAS QUIET. LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY IS  
SUSPENDED. POLITICAL PRISONERS ARE RELEASED. NOTICIAS IS  
CRITICIZED. ACADEMIC ASSOCIATION CALLS FOR MEETING ON  
MAY 1. GUMO HOLDS PRESS CONFERENCE. MAIFESTATIONS HELD  
IN OTHER CITIES. ACTING RECTOR OF UNIVERSITY APPOINTED.  
AFRICANS REMAIN SILENT. END OF SUMMARY.

2. SURPRISINGLY, MAY DAY TURNED OUT TO BE COMPLETELY QUIET  
IN LOURENCO MARQUES, WITH NO DEMONSTRATIONS,  
OR UNUSUAL ACTIVITY OTHER THAN CLOSED MEETING CALLED BY  
ACADEMIC ASSOCIATION. AS SOMEONE SAID, LAURENTINERS UNLIKELY  
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TO DEMONSTRATE ON THEIR OWN TIME. EVENTS SINCE THOSE RE-

PORTED REF A FOLLOW:

3. LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY MET FOR WHAT WAS INTENDED TO BE ITS FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF CURRENT YEAR AT 1600 HOURS APRIL 30. TEN MINUTES LATER, AFTER READING THE VARIOUS TELEGRAMS FROM JUNTA OF NATIONAL SALVATION ANNOUNCING ASSUMPTION OF POWERS BY JUNTA WITH PROMISE OF GUARANTEEING SURVIVAL OF NATION AS SOVEREIGN FATHERLAND IN ITS MULTI-CONTINENTAL ENTIRETY, DISMISSAL OF GOVERNOR GENERAL, AND APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY GENERAL TO TAKE CHARGE OF MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT, AND AFTER REPEATING HIS MESSAGE OF APRIL 28 REPORTED REF B, PARA 2, ACTING GOVGEN DAVID TAIXEIRA FERREIRA CLOSED THE SESSION, STATING ASSEMBLY'S FUNCTIONS WILL DEPEND ON LATER INSTRUCTIONS FROM JUNTA. SUSPENSION WAS GREETED WITH SATISFACTION BY LARGE CROWD, MOSTLY COMPOSED OF YOUNG WHITES, GATHERED IN FRONT OF ASSEMBLY HALL TO PROTEST AGAINST MEETING OF WHAT THEY CALLED "AN ASSEMBLY APPOINTED BY FASCISTS FOR FASCISTS".

4. ON EVENING OF APRIL 30, ARMED FORCES HIGH COMMAND ISSUED COMMUNIQUE FROM COMMANDING GENERAL ORDERING MILITARY SUPERINTENDENT OF "EXTINCT DGS" TO RESTORE TO LIBERTY ON MAY 1 SEVERAL HUNDRED POLITICAL PRISONERS DETAINED BY DGS. THOSE ACCUSED OF ENGAGING IN VIOLENT SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES WERE NOT INCLUDED IN THIS AMNESTY. ON MAY 1, ACCORDING TO RADIO, 554 PRISONERS WERE RELEASED FROM MACHAVA PRISON AMIDST CHEERS FOR PORTUGAL AND SINGING OF PORTUGUESE NATIONAL ANTHEM. RELEASE WAS WITNESSED BY FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS, WHO INTERVIEWED SOME OF THE PRISONERS.

5. DURING FINAL PREPARATION OF APRIL 30 ISSUE OF NOTICIAS, LARGE GROUP COMPOSED MAINLY OF YOUTHS GATHERED IN FRONT OF NOTICIAS OFFICE TO PROTEST AGAINST NEWSPAPER. ABOUT DOZEN "KNOWN LAWYERS AND OTHER DEMOCRATS" ENTERED NOTICIAS BUILDING, WERE RECEIVED BY DIRECTOR, WITH WHOM THEY "EXCHANGED IMPRESSIONS". EXCHANGE WAS APPARENTLY SUFFICIENTLY HEATED TO EVOKE EDITORIAL BY GUILHERMO DE MELO, WINDY WOULD-BE POET AND SUB-DIRECTOR OF THE PAPER, STATING THAT WHILE HE AND HIS COLLEAGUES WELCOMED THE RIGHT OF THEIR READERS, BE THEY BLACK, WHITE, DEMOCRAT, COMMUNIST OR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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APOLITICAL TO APPROVE, CRITICIZE, POINT OUT ERRORS, MAKE SUGGESTIONS, OR DISAGREE, THIS DID NOT INCLUDE THE RIGHT TO BE INSULTING.

6. PRESS OF APRIL 30 CARRIED SHORT NOTE FROM ACADEMIC ASSOCIATION OF MOZAMBIQUE (AAM) STATING THAT ANY COMMUNICATION, NOTICE, OR EXPLANATION, WHICH IS NOT SIGNED BY THE DIRECTORS OF THE AAM, OR BY ITS GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

IS NOT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE AAM. THIS IS INTERPRETED  
AS AAM DISSOCIATION FROM MANIFESTO SIGNED BY 200 STUDENTS  
REPORTED IN PARA 5 OF REF C, AND MAY INDICATE SPLIT BETWEEN  
LEFT-WING MINORITY AND MORE MODERATE STUDENTS. AAM PROPOSALS  
TO BE CONSIDERED AT MAY 1 GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING (REF B)  
ARE SOMEWHAT MORE MODERATE THAN STUDENT MANIFESTO REPORTED  
REF C, BUT INCLUDE DEMAND FOR IMMEDIATE DISMISSAL OF RECTOR  
AND FOR ULM TO BE CONSULTED ON APPOINTMENT OF NEW RECTOR  
WHO WILL SAFEGUARD DEMOCRATIC FREEDOMS WITHIN UNIVERSITY.  
THEY ALSO INCLUDE DEMANDS FOR DEMOBILIZATION AND RESTORATION  
TO UNIVERSITY STANDING OF AAM DIRECTORS DRAFTED INTO ARMED  
FORCES AND THOSE SENT AWAY ON FIXED RESIDENCE FOR A YEAR;  
GUARANTEED RIGHTS OF ASSEMBLY, EXPRESSION, AND ASSOCIATION;  
REPRESENTATION OF STUDENTS ON GOVERNING ORGANS OF UNI-  
VERSITY; LEGALIZATION OF STATUTES AP  
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8. MANIFESTATIONS IN SUPPORT OF JUNTA WERE HELD IN  
QUELIMANE, TETE AND VILA CABRAL, ALL CULMINATING IN USUAL  
TELEGRAMS TO ACTING GOVGEN. MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF LOURENCO  
MARQUES, HEADED BY NEWLY APPOINTED MAYOR DR. MERCIER MARQUES  
GAVE FORMAL ADHERENCE TO THE PRINCIPLES DEFINED BY THE  
MOVEMENT FOR ARMED FORCES AND THE JUNTA IN A BRIEF CEREMONY  
BEFORE THE ACTING GOVGEN. DEMOCRATS OF BEIRA, COMPRISING  
FORMER OPPOSITIONISTS, ISSUED COMMUNIQUE OF THEIR OWN,  
CONTAINING USUAL LIBERAL PROPOSALS, AND CALLED FOR MASS

MEETING ON MAY 1. THIS COMMUNIQUE AND PRONOUNCEMENTS BY OTHER GROUPS MENTIONED IN PREVIOUS MESSAGES WILL BE POUCHED.

9. FOLLOWING DISMISSAL OF RECTOR OF UNIVERSITY, PROFESSOR JOSE MARQUES CORREIA NEVES (GEOLOGIST AND FORMER HEAD OF SCIENCE FACULTY) HAS BEEN APPOINTED ACTING RECTOR. DISMISSED VICE RECTOR PROFESSOR DOCTOR JOSE MANUEL PEREIRA DA SILVA HAS BEEN APPOINTED HEAD OF THE FACULTY OF VETERINARY MEDICINE. MOST OTHER DISMISSED FACULTY HEADS ARE EXPECTED TO BE RE-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
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TAINED IN SOME TEACHING CAPACITY.

10. COMMENT: AFTER INITIAL SILENCE AND CAUTION, VARIOUS POLITICAL GROUPS ARE BEGINNING TO BECOME PUBLICLY IDENTIFIED. THUS FAR THESE INCLUDE GUMO WITH HEADQUARTERS IN BEIRA, (A MULTI-RACIAL GROUP HEADED BY MAXIMO DIAS AND DR. JOANA SIMIAO); DEMOCRATS OF MOZAMBIQUE - MAINLY WHITE GROUP IN LOURENCO MARQUES LED BY LEFTIST LAWYERS; DEMOCRATS OF BEIRA -

ANOTHER WHITE GROUP LED BY FORMER OPPOSITIONISTS, POSSIBLY AFFILIATED WITH LM GROUP; ACADEMIC ASSOCIATION - GROUP OF UNIVERSITY STUDENTS WITH POSSIBLE SUPPORT FROM SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS. STILL TO BE HEARD FROM ARE SOME FORMER OPPOSITIONISTS SUCH AS ANTONIO DE ALMEIDA SANTOS, AS WELL AS JORGE JARDIM, MIGUEW MURUPA AND OTHER EX-FRELIMO MEMBERS, AND DOMINGOS AROUCA, BLACK LAWYER WHO RETURNED NOT LONG AGO AFTER YEARS IN LISBON JAIL.

11. AFRICAN MASSES HAVE THUS FAR REMAINED SILENT - POSSIBLY BECAUSE THEY AS YET HAVE NO REPRESENTATIVES THROUGH WHOM THEY CAN EXPRESS THEIR FEELINGS; MORE PROBABLY BECAUSE THEY AREN'T YET CONVINCED THAT AFTER SO MANY YEARS OF REPRESSION OF POLITICAL EXPRESSION, THEY REALLY CAN TALK FREELY NOW,

WITHOUT FEAR OF REPRISAL. UP TO NOW AFRICANS ARE CERTAINLY NOT PARTICIPATING FULLY IN DEMONSTRATIONS.  
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